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3. Patent Abstracts of Japan, JP-A 06-056525 published March 1, 1994, to Osaka Prefecture and Osaka Cement Co., Ltd.
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